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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/600,594 ✓

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BY DEPOTIZING BODY FLUIDS ✓

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 21, 2001, entry and consideration on the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including June 21, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) Method of monitoring patient compliance and bioavailability of drugs contained in body fluids comprising the following steps:

(a) mixing and shaking mechanically the body fluid with aqueous zinc sulfate solution, an appropriate solvent, and optionally an antioxidizing agent to precipitate proteins and strip off bound drug;

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment 21 minus highest number
previously paid for 21 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment 3 minus highest number
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 920.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) \$ 0.00

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☐ Submission attached

Subtotal \$ 920.00

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☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

Other: 0.00

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 460.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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